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Date: April 14th, 1999

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Dear Ann Hartman,

Re: Year 2000 Ready

I refer to your recent inquiry concerning the ability of the following products to properly perform date dependent operations related to the Year 2000:

NORTEL PRODUCT	CURRENT VERSION / UPGRADE	YEAR 2000 READY? (Y/N)	YEAR 2000 READY RELEASE AND EXPECTED RELEASE DATE
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The table above identifies Nortel products, their specific version or upgrade numbers, whether the specific version or upgrade is identified as Year 2000 Ready and, if not, the expected release date of a Year 2000 Ready upgrade. A Nortel product identified as "Year 2000 Ready" has undergone verification including an appropriate combination of design analysis, code inspection and testing with respect to the following specific dates, and with respect to transitions between the specific dates within each of the following pairs of dates:

December 31, 1998 and January 1, 1999; September 8, 1999 and September 9, 1999; September 9, 1999 and September 10, 1999, December 31, 1999 and January 1, 2000; February 28, 2000 and February 29, 2000;

February 29, 2000 and March 1, 2000; December 31, 2000 and January 1, 2001; and December 31, 2004 and January 1, 2005

With respect to Nortel products identified as Year 2000 Ready, verification has confirmed that the specific product satisfies the requirements set forth in A and B below, provided that any specific hardware and software loads or releases designated as necessary by Nortel have been installed with respect to such products:

- A. In connection with the input, processing and output of date data, the product functioned without any material, service-affecting non-conformance from its specifications and did not generate incorrect date dependent data or results.
- B. In connection with supplying and receiving date data from other automated, computerized, and/or software systems and users via electronic interfaces, data storage and user interfaces, the product represented date data in a manner which can be interpreted without ambiguity as to century.

Nortel's identification of a product as Year 2000 Ready does not constitute a commitment by Nortel (i) to support the product beyond its committed support window, or (ii) that the date format used by the product complies with any particular standard. Some Nortel products identified as Year 2000 Ready may continue to use year representations which do not use four digits where such representations can be interpreted without ambiguity as to century.

The information contained in this letter is provided as a convenience to assist you in managing your Year 2000 issues. Nortel provides this information in good faith and has made reasonable efforts to make the information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

I trust that these answers will meet your requirements. I remain at your disposal should you have any questions or need additional clarification.

Regards,

Peter Baker Sr. Sales Executive

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